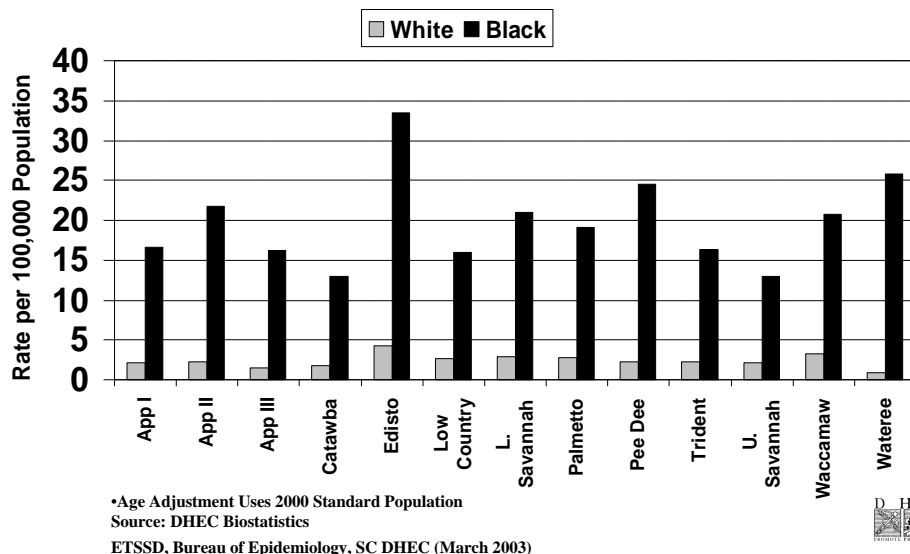


South Carolina Health Disparities: Mean Age-adjusted HIV Mortality Rates* 1999-2001



- South Carolina continues to experience HIV mortality rates among the highest in the nation.
- Mortality rates among blacks remain significantly higher than among whites in all SC health districts (Y1999-2001 Range of B:W Relative Risk Ratios = 6.15 [Low Country Health District] to 28.67 [Wateree Health District]).
- During Y1999-2001, Edisto Health District experienced the highest HIV mortality rates for both blacks (33.5) and whites (4.3).